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RE: Docket No. RM 2017-12

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the hundreds of charities that the National Catholic Development Conference represents as well their beneficiaries, clients, and constituents. These charities depend heavily on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with their supporters.

We believe that the current system for calculating the percentage of nonprofit Marketing Mail works. Our members are not able to increase their already extremely tight budgets as fast as the proposed change in the calculation would increase postage costs. Any expense such as postage that exceeds their limited means will lead to a necessary reduction in their use of mail. If they are obliged to reduce mailing, their revenue will suffer immediately and they will be forced to reduce their services and possibly close some of their programs. In the end, it will be those who have the least among us who will suffer the most.

Increases in postage to this degree will lead these charities to reduce the main elements of their missions of care for the most vulnerable in our society: those who are poor; those who are homeless; those who are hungry; those without clothing or even shoes; those without healthcare; children, who have been abandoned and abused; those who are elderly; those who are homebound; and those who are unschooled.

Please do not change the current calculation system that was implemented by the Postal Service ten years ago.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sister Georgette Lehmuth, OSF', written over a horizontal line.

Sister Georgette Lehmuth, OSF
President and CEO